

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL CATEGORY STATUS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the criterion laid down for giving special category status to the States;
- (b) the names of States which have been given the special category status;
- (c) whether present Bihar State also fulfils all conditions to get special category status; and
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to give the special category status to present Bihar in view of its income and expenditure?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS & PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

- a) States included among the Special Category States, for the purpose of Central Assistance for Plan financing, are those which have a strategic location on the border with neighbouring countries and are hilly States, some with large tribal population and/or which have been constituted out of former small Union Territories/Districts, with limited and weak resource base compared to their development needs.
- b) Presently, the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura have been given Special Category Status.
- c) Bihar State does not fulfil all the criteria to get Special Category Status.
- d) Does not arise.